

## Fields of Honor Memorial

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### Personal info

Full name

**EAGAN, Paul**

Date of birth

**unknown**

Age

**unknown**

Place of birth

**unknown**

Hometown

**Malone, Franklin County, New York**

### Military service

Service number

**O-2055155**

Rank

**First Lieutenant**

Unit

**26th Infantry Regiment,  
1st Infantry Division**

Awards

**Silver Star,  
Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster**

### Death & Grave

Status

**Killed in Action**

Date of death

**3 November 1944**

Cemetery

**American War Cemetery Henri-Chapelle**

Plot	Row	Grave
A	8	1

### Immediate family

Members

**Rita (St. Mary) Eagan (wife)**

## More information

Lieut. Paul Eagan, who was stationed with the 26th Infantry at Plattsburgh Barracks, was killed in action in Germany. He was a veteran of action in five countries of the Mediterranean and European areas of operation. He accompanied the 26th Infantry to Fort Devens more than two years ago. Embarking for duty overseas he was at first stationed in England. He accompanied the regiment in the North African campaign, fought in Tunisia, and later in Sicily, Italy and Southern France. Awarded the Silver Star for distinguishing himself by gallantry and intrepidity in action, he also held the Purple Heart for wounds received in Sicily. For a time he was a prisoner of the Nazis in Sicily, but escaped and after hiding for three days in a cave, he rejoined his outfit.

A discription of the action in which he was wounded was relayed to his wife by his first sergeant in his company who returned to the States. The sergeant said that, during the fighting in Sicily, Lieut. Eagan, seeing his company nearly wiped out by the Nazis, exposed himself to the Germans in throwing a hand grenade into an enemy machine gun nest and was shot through the shoulder. After his escape from the prison camp he was found to be still suffering from his wound.

## Photos



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